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Rejoice with Me

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nd when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep hich was lost." Even so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons ho need no repentance (Luke 15:6-7).

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Conferences, interviews, and research followed. The story gradually began to center around specific ideas. The farmer, the business man, the housewife can all take part in this mission of the Church; the Zion Society is organized to assist the average parishioner as he helps the Jew to realize that Christ is his Savior; and the average parishioner must realize that the Jew wants to hear about Jesus.

"You'll have to change the script so the Vangens live in the first house."

"What?" asked the writer.

The production manager, Lincoln Widder, repeated, "You'll have to change the script so that the Vangens live in the first house. Shirley Jac flubbed a little and changed the order. But it isn't noticeable. And that was a good take, and it won't make any difference in the continuity of the plot, so change it in the script rather than shoot the scene over."

The girl on the davenport called to the writer, "I'm sorry, Ray. I goofed."

"THEY WAIT FOR YOU" is the latest release from th studios of ELC Films. The motion picture, in color and 2 minutes in length, was commissioned by the Zion Society fo Israel. It is now available for rental from ELC Films, Time Building, Minneapolis.

"That's o.k. It doesn't make any difference. I'll make the change in the script."

As I went over to make the change I thought, little thing like this makes no difference, but I h and pray that the important ideas have been presen in such a way that the audience will not only un stand their mission but will want to actively take p in it."

I looked at Dave, the cameraman, and Warren, v handles sound. Both of them applying their talents the hope that they will be used to make evident to people who see the picture that the Jewish people w to hear about Jesus. They are waiting for someone tell them.

THEY WAIT FOR YOU!

The Prayer of the Monarch

Mary Nygaard Peter

Throughout all the kingdom there was weeping and sadness, mourning for the king who had died. Once again the mighty had fallen. No more would he lead his forces into battle. No more would triumphant armies return bringing the spoils of their enemies. Robes were rent and strong men wept over this, their great loss.

In the palace the young king was preparing to ascend the throne of his father. Though strong, he quailed at the task before him. His heart was greatly troubled. Many and diverse were the people he was called upon to rule; sore and perplexing the problems to solve.

Then, in the midst of his foreboding, a wonderful thing happened. It was suddenly promised him that he might receive the first desire of his heart. One wish, one prayer only, would be granted him.

What would it be? Truly, the time for decision had come. Never had he been required to decide anything of such great magnitude. What gift should he request?

Riches, perhaps? With sufficient wealth he could always live sumptuously, have many friends, never lack entertainment. But still, power would be more encompassing. With power over all men one would be able to command riches. Then the blessings of both wealth and power would be his.

But what was to ensure that he would live to enjoy those gifts, once they were his? Kings often met untimely deaths. Perhaps the wisest request would be for length of days. Then one would be able to accumulate wealth and power.

Yet, in the making of his decision, the young king d not hesitate. There was but one thing he desired abo all else, and he made haste to let it be known.

"Give Thy servant an understanding heart to juc Thy people," he prayed, "that I may discern betwe good and evil."

And the prayer pleased the Giver of All Gifts, W said unto him, "Because thou hast asked this thing a hast not asked for thyself long life, nor riches nor t life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself und standing to discern justice: lo, I have given thee understanding heart; so that there hath been none li thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise li unto thee.

"And I have also given thee that which thou ha not asked, both riches and honor; and if thou w walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my co mandments, as thy father did walk, then will I lengt en thy days."

As the Lord promised the young king, Solomon, has He promised us, "Seek ye first the kingdom Heaven and all these things will be added unto you

And, as the Lord kept His promise to Solomon, ma ing him rich, and wise, and powerful beyond all beli so will He remember and keep His promise to u "Trust in the Lord and do good; and you will dw in the land, and verily, you will be fed."

I Kings 3:7-14, Psalm 37.

Concerning the Book "Luther Now"

Mrs. Casper Brenden

(Second in a Series)

ow when inner and outer forces are concerned with : slashing of grass roots in all fields, there is the gency of desperate need. All Christians must come ve so that the sap of life will give renewed strength d vitality to the mighty Oak of the Reformation. The ief weapon of the Communists is their eager willing- ss to live and die for their cause. Their aim is to other the Christian's will to do likewise for his cause. en this little book *Luther Now* by Hanns Lilje and d a writing engendered by his personal responsibility God and mankind. *Luther Now* is the result of a ong emotion tempered by restraint and built from a ndation of faith in the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. The contents of *Luther Now* are as rich in value the "One-a-Day" bottle of vitamins. Another analogy it is (like ancient Gaul) divided into three parts. The st deals with the fabric of European background ior to the Reformation. We glance at situations of e Empire and learn how a changing world was dis- rbed by the reverberation of policies that a brave man d. Here they are in a sort of telescopic vision; popes d kings; statesmen and scholars; emperors and re- rmers. In many instances the reformer was the least garded. His body might be burned at the stake but t his spirit!

Part II deals with the man Martin Luther and his ork, the birth of the Reformation, the agony and essing of its growing, to the very last words spoken n February 18, 1546, when the great man closed his es in death. "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, hou gracious God."

What about our heritage as a Lutheran Church? Do e recognize, preserve, and cherish it as such? This uestion I asked myself in reading the third part of the ook. Our heritage, our faith, the Church, and the effect f our modern era are brought into focus as we read the nal chapter dealing with "The Problem of Tomorrow."

Columbus, Erasmus, Muenzer, Michelangelo, Loyola, Cortez, Melanchthon, and Calvin were all leading char- cters on the stage of the 15th and 16th centuries. They vere an adventurous, thoughtful, temperamental, artis- ic, and brave group, all adding to the intricate pattern f events. The geographical horizons stretched farther vestward. The horizons of men's thought and spirit vere also expanding. Change fosters restlessness; in very field new thought was to be found. Mighty forces were unleashed, and through the din and roar the figure of Martin Luther emerges—one soul who was to change the destinies of many generations.

Other contemporaries also left their imprint. Henry VIII of England stamped his royal ideas on rights, politics, marriage, and the Church! Author Lilje describes these as "preposterous." Charles V of Hapsburg, a timid soul who, it seemed, wanted to do the right thing but never quite achieved the conviction of his thinking. Francis I, playboy king of France, man of the world and one never able to keep a promise. Charles was by far the most admirable of these three rulers, builders of three great powers. His domains extended beyond the narrow little confines of Henry and Francis. The Turks threatened him in the east; the discovery of the new world was a complication, and finally he felt duty bound to settle the matter of the upstart monk. Charles wished to retain the unity of State and Church so firmly bound together. He felt it his royal and Christian duty to protect this unity, because the emperor held the highest temporal office in the Church.

It was always up to Charles. The popes were of no help. They were either like the "infamous war-minded Julius II" or the incapable Clement VII, who became involved in the matrimonial tangles of the British monarch. Hadrian VI, the Hollander, was different. He was unable to accomplish anything since he was a foreigner. A dutch pope in Rome! That is an interesting and little known fact to the majority of Protestants today. Hadrian died a disillusioned man, and Charles, failing in his purpose, retired broken and disappointed to the monastery of San Yuste in 1556.

Three men—grave Charles V, shallow, unsure Francis I, and selfish, tyrannical Henry VIII. These with the political prestige and power of the Roman Church formed the field that produced a different species of plant, the Reformation. One man was not the cause of it. The cause lay in a conflict of ideologies, cultures, personalities, and the fact that the whole world was in a volcanic eruption of change. New social groups were forming, the age of chivalrous knighthood was waning. The unification of nations was being formed in a tortuous and tempestuous manner. National feeling came to the fore and laid the groundwork for the genuine genius of nationalistic spirit, Luther on the way to Worms.

A true understanding of background and cause helps us to solve a problem. The events that lie mouldering in the grave of antiquity need to be studied so that we may better understand the terrific impact made by one man whose destiny was made by God.

Prior to the Reformation, a spirit of worldliness had permeated and was dominating the Christian Church. Classical conceptions of beauty, art, and philosophy mixed freely with poison, murder, and desire for power. Did you know that one of the worst popes, a sort of ecclesiastical Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde, designed the lovely Sistine Chapel? Alexander VI Borgia, descendant of the famous robber baron, had an unrestrained passion for revenge. Julius II used his "blood and iron" policy in order to unite the Italian territories.

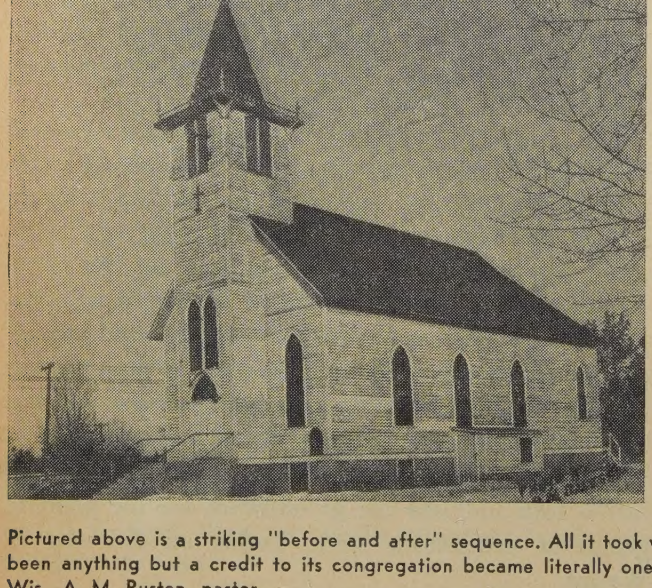
In fact, a new public spirit began to assert itself. The people were restive, analytical, and very critical. Political intrigue in the Church took the place of violence. Here is where Hadrian, the foreigner, appeared. He had been the tutor of Charles V. Here was a man, as Lilje says, "a strange pontiff, everything but an Italian capitano or indulgent Renaissance noble . . . a dangerous pope because he was in such deadly earnest." After his short-lived term, the old policy of the Medici resumed, and it was more impossible than ever that the restoration of the true Church could come from Rome. Famous artists were subsidized. It became a mortal not to buy salt from the papal mines at Tolta! T poverty of Saint Francis "had degenerated into begg and beggary into indolence!" Immorality was the rule the Franciscans. Erasmus belabored the world with critical writings and gave no consolation to medie man, who had too much fear of death, purgatory, a hell—this fear caused largely by the terrible prevale of plagues and horrible epidemics.

Through the uproar one heard the still small voice that book, the "Bible of the people" *(De Imitatio Christi),* written by a true man of God, Thomas Kempis. The churchly authority of another Thom (Aquinas) molded the concepts of medieval theolo into an inflexible system that raised intellectual pro lems. He was the great scholastic.

When Luther entered this stage of man's making did not actually cause the Reformation. Rather the R ormation became his cause—a cause almost overdu Disintegration of sacred values was taking place. N worldly force could stop it except a higher power. T hour struck, and God in His wisdom produced t man of the age—Luther.

He was "the instrument of a divine purpose whi placed him at that moment upon the stage of history

"GOD'S LOVELY DWELLING"



Pictured above is a striking "before and after" sequence. All it took was a few gallons of paint and some effort, and a church which ha been anything but a credit to its congregation became literally one of "God's lovely dwellings." It is Trinity Lutheran Church of Adam Wis., A. M. Rusten, pastor.

hy Kingdom Come

F. W. Thomsen

SKETCHES FROM A SUMMER IN COLOMBIA
(Tenth in a Series)

oss Section: A Weekend in Medellin

e Saturday morning, in the paper we read of con- t between the police and the military. The police re burning a shack for some unknown reason—pos- ly because it was the home of a Liberal; the army ed to prevent this action, but the police insisted that y were still in power and resisted the army. The ult was forty policemen shot and killed.

That afternoon a fine young farm couple came to it the Morcks. They reported that their farm build- gs had been burned; they considered themselves tunate to have escaped. On the way to Medellin they v many bodies lying beside the road. Whole areas re wiped out under the pretense that the police were nting for bandits in these Liberal areas. Now, under e new regime, the dispossessed are venturing back me to begin rebuilding.

These two incidents seem to point towards efforts of e new order to work for peace and justice.

That evening, at the usual Saturday meeting, several olombian students were present. I spoke, interpreting veral of my drawings that were based on the book of evelation. The awareness of the students impressed e. After a light lunch in the mission house, we parted ith a "Hasta manana."

The students were back next morning for a Spanish mmunion service. One of the young Colombian men, ho had been confirmed the year before, sang a solo autifully. Among the worshippers was a young woman ho was a refugee from one of the devastated regions nd was now working in Medellin.

The same morning we attended an English union rvice in the Presbyterian Church. The service was ttended by people from the British and American olonies in the city; many of them held important busi- ess and professional positions in this area.

After our Sunday dinner and siesta, we went by bus ut to the Adventist school built on the slopes of the ndes. A manual arts department supplied toys and ther articles to dealers who had contracted for these tems. An excellent print shop handled quality multi- olor work; menus printed here were seen in the better estaurants in the city; games, labels, and prints from he shop were on sale in stores in the area. Other build- ngs included two dormitories and a cafeteria and li- rary building. Nearby was a farm also operated by he school. The farm manager said that the soil in that area was poor and useful only for grazing. Thirty of the students were employed on the campus and in this way worked their way through school. This is especially meaningful in Colombia, where young converts to evangelical churches are often disowned by their families and have no means of providing for themselves. The hope has been expressed that some day work of this type may also be undertaken by the Lutherans in Colombia.

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Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

The power of our Lord is clearly seen in this passage. There is a lesson in Christ's words that only through prayer and fasting can great things be done. It is important to continue in prayer—for in prayer we meet the Master. Obedience is impossible unless we first take time to hear. This is not a simple matter, for ears may be dull, as dull as our strata of society or our circle of friends. Obedience depends upon seeking the will of God. How far we are from His will! But we can approach God through prayer.

Surrender

THEODINE BRANDT

Life is more than a lilting song
Filled with joy and laughter;
Though some heights are steep and long
Gladness follows after.

God will grant the sun to shine
On a new tomorrow;
All earth's beauties, yours and mine,
Are transient gifts we borrow.

Sunset and the music blend
In a mystic splendor;
The melody has reached its end
When we to God surrender.

Japan Mission, 1953

Rolf A. Sy

As we look back on the year 1953, we are apt to magnify the disturbances and uncertainties that have seemingly dominated the international sphere. Describing world conditions as chaotic has become almost commonplace. It is true that there are many things during the past year that have disturbed us as we have sought for signs of peace and stability in the nations. There are many times that the uncertainties have caused bewilderment as we have tried to set policies that should be of greatest benefit to the building of the Church of Jesus Christ in many foreign lands.

In the midst of this type of situation it is, however, encouraging to look upon the general development of missions and the general development of our contacts in foreign nations that give encouragement for the future. In many ways, the disturbances of today seem to be surface ripples on deep seas which have their certain steady streams and tides. The deeper we go into the life and heart of the people, the more untouched we find them by the surface influences and the more certain we are to see that steadily growing stream of men and women who are finding peace and certainty in the midst of all the present day turmoil, in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as they are established in His Church.

The first annual account has been received from our mission field in Japan. Our first missionary went there in November, 1949. Today we have 58 adults and 40 children in our missionary family, including those from the Lutheran Free Church co-operating with us, making us the largest Lutheran mission in Japan. During these four years of labor in Japan our missionaries have been learning the language and laying the basis for future activity. In one way we could not expect to see much fruit of their labors to date. We are, however, encouraged to note that in 1953, fifty people were added to the church, giving us a total membership of 122. Of these 50, 41 were brought to Christ through baptism. The rest through adult confirmation.

Pastor Hansen

Pastor Johnsrud

Going back to the report that comes from our miss field we have the following brief review by our miss superintendent, Olaf Hansen, giving a survey of physical expansion in the building of mission stati during our brief history as a mission in that coun

"The extension of the work has been the primary c cern in our first four years of mission history. Sc after the first missionaries arrived, they assisted in beginning of a congregation in Tokyo. The follow year four more pastors and three lady missionaries w assigned to establish work in Shizuoka, Shima Hamamatsu, and Nagoya. The next group of mission ies, consisting of seven pastors and four lady missi aries, also were assigned to establish new work Numazu, Fuji, Yaizu, Toyohashi, Okazaki, and Han A new work among students in Tokyo was also i tiated. In 1953 three more districts, Yokosuka, Hama Lagoon, and Kariya rural, were added to the number centers already established. In the meantime, seve pastors had been assigned to special ministries such Bible school and seminary teaching, and literature wo The chief characteristic of our work, therefore, in th four years has been the establishment of our missi over as wide an area as possible in the most strate cities. It is possible, excepting two or three areas, state that within the near future it will be possible us to witness to the Gospel in a systematic manner most of the densely populated areas between Tokyo a Nagoya."

Interpreting some of the developments of the ye of 1953, our historian, the Rev. Leroy Johnsrud, giv some facts that I think will give some idea of the co stant activity and forward progress in our work.

"Expansion of activity necessitates expansion of phy cal properties as well, so this year again, land hunti and building was a major activity. Early in the sprin building of the new sanctuary and student center beg in Tokyo; a contract for land was drawn up for t Bible School on the eastern outskirts of Shizuoka Cit in Okazaki construction of a new church edifice bega on May 17 a new house of worship was dedicated Handa; and the Youth Committee started its search f land for a Bible camp. The Tokyo structure (mad possible by gifts from the WMF) was dedicated Se tember 20; in Okazaki similar services were held o October 4; November 8 marked the groundbreakin services for the Bible School."

(To be continued)

ribute to a Missionary

e Reverend P. Edward Thorson

nother member of our missionary family has been led home to his Lord. The Rev. P. E. Thorson, for ny years a missionary to China, passed away on esday afternoon, December 29. Funeral services were ld at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, Saturday, nuary 2, 1954, the Rev. Alvin Lewis officiating.

Pastor Thorson was born January 26, 1868, at Martell, isconsin. He received his academic training at River lls State Normal and at the University of Minnesota. e was graduated from Luther Theological Seminary, . Paul, in 1898. He served pastorates in Manitowoc, is., and at Clifton, Texas, where he also taught at ifton Lutheran College. In 1914 he and his family t for China as one of the pioneer missionaries of the orwegian Lutheran Synod, beginning his work in wangshan during a period of bandit uprisings and any dangers. He was at the school for missionary ildren at Kikungshan for a while, later serving as issionary in the districts of Taipingtien and Kioshan.

Pastor Thorson and family returned to this country in 27 following the general evacuation of missionaries rced by communist uprisings. He carried on deputa- n work for the mission for two years, later serving the storate at Norse, Texas.

Pastor Thorson is survived by his wife, Emilie Han- n Thorson, and three daughters, Elma (Mrs. Olaf lson) of Climax, Minn.; Agnes with Lutheran Wel- re Society of Minnesota; and Priscilla (Mrs. Jackson) ith the State Board of Health in California.

One was impressed by the quiet calm blended with a nsecrated determination to serve God in any capacity here he might be used, as one visited with this man f God. He was always deeply sympathetic with youth nd was concerned that the young people of our Church hould be given opportunity for proper education for an ffective ministry. Many of our present pastors were ncouraged by him to take up this important work.

In China today it is difficult to measure physically ne work or fruit of any man. We take much in faith, ven though throughout our mission field there are vidences which indicate that our labors there were not n vain. To one who was along laying the footings and uilding the foundation of the Church in China, we ay our tribute. May his memory be blessed as his in- uence continues through the lives of the many men hat he has touched in his ministry at home and abroad.

Twentieth Century Prayer

GERTRUDE E. WARTCHOW

Saviour, as in days of old,
Comfort those who weep and mourn;
With Thy words of cheer and hope
Bless the lonely and forlorn.

Saviour, as in days of old,
Soothe and heal all who are ill;
For the crippled and the blind,
And the deaf are with us still.

For Thy might is still the same,
Which of old revived the weak,
Fill our hearts with steadfast faith
As Thy gracious help we seek.

The Seminary Hour

The Seminary Hour of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul will again resume its weekly broadcast schedule, beginning the first Sunday in February. These broadcasts of meditation and music are heard each Sunday at five o'clock over radio station WCAL, Northfield.

SPEAKERS

Feb. 7, James Knutson, Fertile, Minn.
Feb. 14, John Refsell, Robbinsdale, Minn.
Feb. 21, Paul Vogen, Newark, Ill.
Feb. 28
March 7, James Hanson, Moorhead, Minn.
March 14, Vernon Faillettaz, San Francisco, Calif.
March 21, Paul R. Hansen, Brookings, S. Dak.
March 28
April 4, Karl Brevik, Twin Valley, Minn.
April 11, Peter Tengesdal, Maxbass, N. Dak.
April 18, Gerald Rygh, Des Moines, Ia.
April 25
May 2, Robert Maland, Blue Earth, Minn.
May 9, Marlin Wogstad, Albert Lea, Minn.
May 16, John Helgeson, Crookston, Minn.
May 23, Nolan Watson, Minneapolis, Minn.
May 30
June 6, Lloyd Svendsbye, Hamlet, N. Dak.
June 13, Robert L. Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn.
June 20, A. Marlin Stene, Emmons, Minn.
June 27
July 4, Edwin Bersagel, Racine, Wis.
July 11, Dale Larson, Thief River Falls, Minn.
July 18, Verlyn Smith, Rapid City, S. Dak.
July 25
Aug. 1, Murray Johnson, Irene, S. Dak.
Aug. 8, Lowell Wigdahl, Emmetsburg, Ia.

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Come June, and The Evangelical Lutheran Church's biennal "hegira" to its own special "Mecca" will be at hand. In a thousand parsonages, from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific and from Edmonton, Alberta, to Houston, Texas, days of preparation will climax weeks of planning and months of anticipation. In another thousand homes of lay members of the Church, something similar will have been going on. When the great day of departure arrives, the pastor, or lay delegate, often accompanied by his wife and not infrequently by the children, will set out—by train, or plane, or bus, or car.

The occasion? The biennial convention of the Church, of course! The destination? Minneapolis, to be sure, meeting place of the mass gathering which legislates every two years in the affairs of the ELC. By time the convention opens, Wednesday, June 9, the hotels will be jammed, with pastors and lay delegates and their families spilling out into hospitable homes, rooming houses, motels, and institutions which open their dormitories to the throngs.

There is nothing in American Lutheranism which quite compares with a biennal convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. True, other bodies have even more general representation, but they are small bodies. The other large bodies have delegate voting strength at their conventions of from less than two hundred to five or six hundred. Of the large Lutheran bodies, only we have adhered to the completely representative principle, under which every parish pastor has voice and vote and every parish has the right to be represented by at least one lay delegate in addition to its pastor.

It is true that as the Church has grown and the conventions have become more and more unwieldy, voices have been raised asking how soon it will become necessary to devise a different system of representation. However, we love our mass conventions and have found them quite workable (thanks, let's admit, in no small measure to the guiding genius of the President of the Church). We know them to be a tremendous unifying influence; we revere them as symbols of the democracy of the Church; and, well, we just plain like them. Were our Church to continue in its present form, we suspect that it would prove rather difficult to effect a major change in the convention arrangements we are accustomed to.

If, however, the contemplated merger becomes a reality, we shall be facing a decidedly different situation. If all four negotiating bodies continue into the merger, if their present rate of growth continues, and if it takes three or four more years before merger is consummated, the new Church will number almost two million members and will pass that mark very soon. The size o fully representative legislative body under those circu stances would be something to make the strongest a most expert parliamentarian blanch. Furthermore, wh the Lutheran Free Church and the United Evangeli Lutheran Church have even fuller representation at th conventions, the American Lutheran Church has an tirely different system, with a convention voting me bership of less than two hundred.

Under these circumstances, it will be readily und stood that the committees approached the subject convention arrangements for the new Church with full realization that they were facing one of the m difficult problems of the entire organizational structu Let it also be added that the discussion was in spirit of finding a solution which would be accepta to all four bodies. We doubt whether any subject h been discussed more fully, in committee meetings a outside. And we surmise that no organizational mat will be more generally discussed throughout the bod and at the conventions.

What is being proposed? In broad outline, the followi (Chapter V of the *Report*):

Since "the local congregation is the basic organi tional unit of the church body," it follows that " legislative authority must be derived from the cons uent congregations." "This authority shall be exercis through general conventions of the church body be held every two years." So far we are on famil ground; that is the way we have always done it. So ha our three sister bodies, except that the LFC and UE have been accustomed to annual conventions.

When it comes to *Representation* at the bienn convention, however, there is a departure from t present practices of all the bodies. The voting streng of the conventions "shall be maintained at appro mately 1,000, one half lay and one half clergy." T Joint Council is charged with determining, in advan of each convention, the number of confirmed memb entitled to be represented by one delegate. For examp if there are 1,500,000 confirmed members in the Chur each "unit" or "block" of 1,500 would be entitled one voting delegate. Since the delegates are to be even divided among lay and clergy, each "unit" or "bloc

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3,000 confirmed members would be entitled to one delegate *and* one pastor.

Bearing in mind that the delegates are to be elected the several districts, it may be helpful to see how s will work out at the district level. Let us assume it there will be a Southern Minnesota District and it its confirmed membership in a given year is 175,000. is therefore entitled to 116 delegates, 58 lay and 58 rgy. This number of delegates must be elected at e convention of the Southern Minnesota District in e year of the biennial convention.

ow are these 116 to be selected? The *Report* does ot go into detail, but it does lay down one general inciple and one specific regulation. The general prinple is that "it is desirable that in the selection of voting embers the principle of rotation is recognized." This eans that *ordinarily,* the delegates will be chosen from e various congregations in turn; a congregation from hich a delegate is chosen in 1960 can not as a rule xpect to have a delegate chosen from its membership 1 1962. It also probably means that if a congregation pplies a lay delegate in 1960, it will be the pastor who chosen the next time the congregation's turn comes. lease keep in mind, however, that it is only the *prinple* of rotation which is laid down. Presumably, each istrict is free to apply the principle as it finds best.

The *regulation* which is specified in the *Report* is hat "representation shall be so distributed that each onference is represented in proportion to its confirmed nembership." (The word "conference," by the way, is sed throughout the *Report* to designate the organizaional unit which we call a "circuit.") Here is how this would work out: Let us assume that Blank Conference of the Southern Minnesota District has 15,000 confirmed members. It is, therefore, entitled to 10 delegates, five lay and five clergy. The *Report* does not specify how they are to be selected. Probably the delegates to the district convention from the congregations of Blank Conference would meet during the convention to nominate their allotted delegates. It is at this level that the principle of rotation would have to be applied. The nominees of the conference would be submitted to the district convention for election.

Two matters of detail regarding the biennial convention should be mentioned here but need not be discussed. Provision is made for "Advisory Members" and "Official Visitors." The former are required to attend, the latter may attend, both with the right to speak but without the right to vote. Also, it is provided that expenses of voting delegates be paid by the church body.

There is one more provision which merits a good deal more discussion than it can receive here. The very last sentence of the chapter reads, "The possibility of holding plenary sessions in connection with regular conventions of the church body is recognized." That sentence has quite a history. As the discussion of the convention went on and on, various suggestions were made as to how representation could be made more general. At times opinion veered to the idea of having periodic conventions—say every six or ten years—at which every congregation could be represented directly, as is the case in the ELC today. At other times the feeling prevailed that no such arrangement is feasible. Yet the committees did not want to close the door to some future arrangement whereby representation could be more general. Therefore the very indefinite sentence in the *Report* was added. The door is left open, and the new Church will have to decide whether to enter the door, and, if so, how.

The editor is tempted to devote a good deal more space to a discussion of this chapter of the *Report* but hesitates to do so because of the great amount of material yet remaining to be analyzed. We hope that the discussion of the convention by others may be general.

No one will contend that the proposal is perfect. It has one weakness which is obvious, although it is probably not as serious as it at first appears to be. If the principle of rotation is strictly applied, it will mean an almost complete turn-over of voting delegates at each convention. Comparatively few delegates to the 1960 convention, for example, will be delegates to the 1962 convention. That means that each convention will be inexperienced. That, in turn, means that the executives of the Church will have to be depended upon a great deal in carrying out details. Compare that situation with our present arrangement, under which hundreds and hundreds of seasoned church men are present as delegates convention after convention. In our opinion, this is the greatest weakness of the proposal.

However, for two reasons we feel that it is not as serious in reality as it appears to be on the surface. In the first place, we are quite sure that there will be a "core" of seasoned delegates who will be elected frequently. This will be due either to the fact that in some

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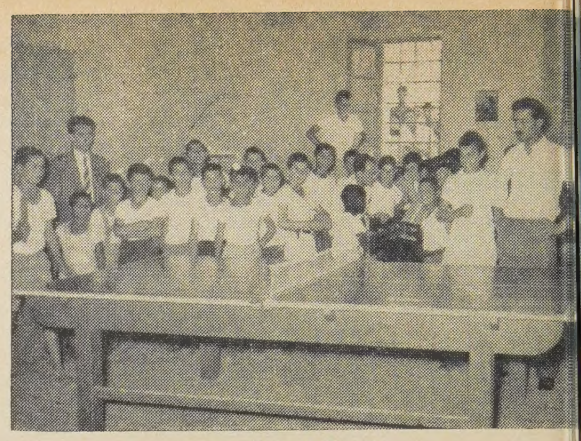
A fine group of Arab boys



Everybody plays.

Lutheran World Fe

Bethlehem, H

The courtyard is put in order.

The School for Boys, maintained in connection with Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bethlehem, is enti supported by the Lutheran World Federation. Mo from American Lutherans, given through Luthe World Action, is especially important in maintain the school. Although planned eventually to be a school, it now has 75 boys as boarding students out 120 enrolled. They range in age fom seven to fift years. Seventy-five per cent of them are Christians.

Everybody works.

Shoe shining time

Dish washing time

The headmaster and his boys at worship

...i's School for Boys

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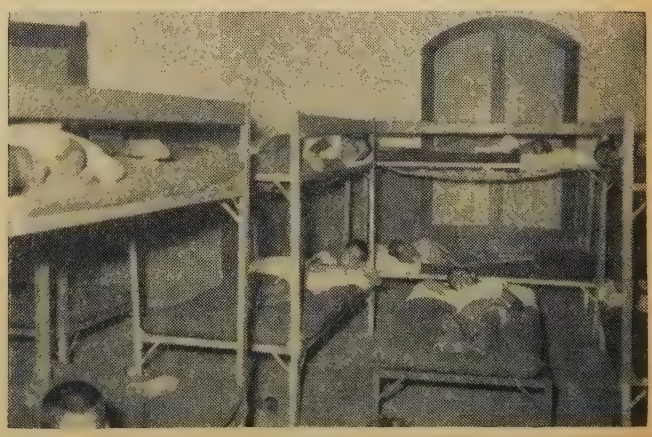
...se most are Orthodox (80%) with 20% of them ...therans. The school has a staff of six teachers and ... headmaster.

...utheran leaders in the Near East see the establish-...nt of such schools as these as absolutely essential if ... Evangelical Christian message is to come to full ...velopment in the lives of individuals. Government ...nools have a Moslem atmosphere, since the Jordan gov-...ment is Moslem in its faith and sympathies.

Boys like flowers, too.

It looks like fun to get clean.



At ease

It Was Only a Tree

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Matthew 21:18-22
January 31, 1954

It was only a tree, in full leaf, and from a distance it was inviting, offering shade and the cool of its shelter. Yes, this and the promise of refreshment, for a fig tree in full leaf would surely invite the passerby to share its fruit. It was only a tree, a part of the handiwork of God designed to perform its proper function by lending beauty, offering shade and comfort and fruit. But it failed. And in the brief story of its failure lies a deeper meaning, and a story ages long.

The tree—let it be the summary of Israel's history, if you will—and consider that Israel at the time of Christ was a nation well adorned. There were priests and temples, religious orders, and men well versed in truth. To the distant observer Israel was a nation of promise. All the marks of fruit were upon her, and yet, as our Lord cursed the barren fig tree for failing in its proper function, so too He wept over Jerusalem and assailed the Pharisees and scribes of the people for failing in their proper function. They had the form and the outer trim; they wore the veneer and carried the pomp of office, but still they failed.

You see, friends, the fact of the matter is, not everyone who calleth Lord, Lord, shall enter into the eternal realm of love and light, but he, that one and every one who does the will of the Lord. And that's important for you just now.

Unfortunately, there are some folks (even within our churches as members) who are quite satisfied to go through the form of religion without letting life take its course of direction from religion. For some, the Christian religion is only an aspect of life, a part of life. They just can't see that the parts of life find unity and are united by the vitality of a true and living faith. You know them, some of them—folks who come to church when it's not too inconvenient, who can't find time to conduct a family altar, who are too busy to serve on a church committee, who seldom if ever read God's Word or pray. They have the form but have lost the true content of religion and are failing. But that does not apply to you, certainly.

Not you—because you know God wants your life in His service. You know His love demands your love, your life, your all. You know that Christ died for you and would have you serve the souls of men. You know and you are doing as He would have you do, and back of it all is the promise of answered prayer.

It was only a tree—but a lesson for you and me.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Ov

Once in a while our church people will ask us to ommend a hymnbook of lighter, more singable so They want to replace the old *Lutheran Hymnary* its chorales, especially the tunes, are so heavy lifeless. The texts, too, are inclined to be long-f and depressing. This poses a sober problem, and n questions might be raised. Have our historic hy and chorales outlived their usefulness, their price ness? Are their contents, message, and music of special timelessness? Are the so-called "choruses" r spiritual in text and lilt—more conducive to worshi our day?

In looking for answers we should first note tha the songs in our official *Hymnary* are not masterpi In fact, the book carries a considerable weight of timber. It should have been revised many years Yet, as church hymnals go, it rates with the very Those who by talent and training are best qualifie determine criteria in the field will say this holds for texts and music.

Generally speaking, the high qualities of the m are apt to be less appreciated than the hymn po We may be slow in admitting it, yet the music, great extent, will determine the popularity of a hy The text, of course, is important because it points the message to be sung. In many cases, however, not the extended stanzas, text development, that b results but rather the initial sentence of the first sta These highly concentrated topic sentences linger us; and in each case they suggest the thought mood of the entire hymn. This is a noteworthy c acteristic in our living hymns. Good music is simil concentrated, especially the hymn form; the first measures usually present the theme and set the mood the entire tune. Agreement between text and musi this respect can be of great value. But many of hymn texts ramble, try to cover too much ground, hence become only general in character and imp The highly unified tune cannot keep pace with changing scenes, and both text and tune will su In the secular art song the music is "through compos it follows the story of the words, but the story is c centrated, so unity results.

The average person, in short, does not like to pon a long involved series of ideas when he sings. He wa the hymn poet to do that for him, sift out the gold, key thought that will awaken his imagination and spire song. We shall note other phases of this prob later, but in the meanwhile let us wait patiently the coming intersynodical hymnal.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Epistle: I Corinthians 1:10-18

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35

Monday, February 1
TRUE FREEDOM

Read Romans 8:1-9

or the law of the Spirit of life in ist Jesus has set me free from the of sin and death.

Men have all sorts of definitions for dom. But the only true freedom is one offered by the Gospel. This is freedom that comes into being when is rescued from the stronghold of sin death.

Paul knew this wonderful freedom and iced in it. While he was "under the ," he did not have it, for then he was bondage. He was shackled by sin and th, the great taskmasters of mankind. en Christ was revealed to him, he was free.

This freedom is given to all who accept Gospel—the good news that Christ by righteousness, innocent suffering, and th destroyed the power of sin and th. Jesus said, "If the Son makes you e, you will be free indeed."

Dear God, we pray that all men may ow the true freedom that comes through thful obedience to Thee. Amen.

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Tuesday, February 2
A GOOD FOUNDATION

Read Matthew 7:24-29

"Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock."

If a man builds a shanty, he does not need to pay much attention to the ground he puts it on. It doesn't cost much, and it isn't intended to last a long time. But if he builds a house in which he plans to live for many years he must make sure it rests on a good foundation. Doing this, he is wise.

Jesus compares life to a house. When life is established on anything less than the eternal Word, it rests on sand. If a life is based upon and lived according to His Word, Jesus says it is founded upon a rock.

The sureness of this foundation has been proven in the lives of countless numbers of men and women. It is the "rock" against which no enemy of life can prevail. "As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith. . . ."

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Wednesday, February 3
GOD'S ENTREATY

Read Ezekiel 33:10-16

"Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. . . ."

God has revealed Himself as the Creator and Judge of all men, but He also shows Himself as the tender Father Who longs to have His children return to Him. His children are like sheep who wander away. Some sheep fall into open sin and shame. Others forget God and live worldly lives. Still others hold onto the idea that they are in the fold while they have nothing but "the form of godliness without any of its power." Whatever form sin and wickedness take is dangerous because it belongs to the way of death.

God longs for the return of sinners to the fold, to come away from the roadway of death, and walk with Him on the way of life. Some of the most tender passages of scripture are the words of a loving, forgiving, entreating Father. The happiest words describe the repentance of a sinner. All heaven is set rejoicing.

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Thursday, February 4
IMITATORS OF GOD

Read I John 4:7-17

In this is love perfected with us, that te may have confidence for the day of dgment, because as he is so are we in is world.

A Christian who knows the love of od is under a command to imitate that ve in all his living. John says that here the proof that we know God. "He who oes not love does not know God; for od is love."

The love of God was proven to man hen He sent His Son into the world. It as proven to the individual Christian hen God came to Him and found him s he was in all his sin, forgave him, and aved him. Here was God making His ove known in all its wonder.

When love has been known, it must e shown. As God loves so must we. Our indness, consideration, care, and concern must extend to all; to the least, the last, and the lost. This world has no love of its own. Through Christian people living in love it can be led to see the love that heals and makes alive.

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Friday, February 5
SPOILAGE

Read John 6:26-35

Do not labor for the food which perishes; but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you. . . .

Many tales have been told of people who have fallen in love with this world's goods. They have devoted their lives to getting and keeping things that have no value beyond this present life. They have filled their houses with all manner of gadgets and goods that minister to the comforts of the flesh but do nothing for the needs of the soul.

Jesus cautions all who would have the eternal life to cast a wary eye on "food which perishes." Things of life spoil, and have the power to spoil eternally the hands that wear themselves out through grasping.

There is a "food," there is a possession worthy of man's highest endeavor. It is the "Bread of Life," the Word of God, which endures for ever. When this food is taken into the life of man, it nourishes him not only for now, but forever.

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Saturday, February 6
POTTER AND THE CLAY

Read Jeremiah 18:1-10

"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done?" says the Lord. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel."

This Old Testament passage is one of the most beautiful illustrations we have of God's love, and of His power to remake men. It is also an illustration of the fact that those who trust in Him are as clay in a potter's hand. The clay does not tell the potter what to do; it merely submits to him and lets him fashion what he will.

If we lie as clay in His hands we have nothing to fear. He has only one desire for us and that is to our eternal good. If we commit ourselves to Him, all His wonderful purposes will be accomplished. No matter how weak or worthless we may seem in our own eyes, God can glorify Himself in our salvation. God can do wonders with clay!

O God, I am only clay. Nothing but your power can give me life.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. C

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL GROUPS PLAN CLINICS

Members of the Christian Medical Society and the Nurses' Christian Fellowship have teamed up in Minneapolis to provide free medical services to men and women of the city's "skid-row" district. They have established clinic facilities at the Minneapolis Revival Mission, where they plan to treat both afflicted bodies and troubled souls.

The Christian Medical Society originated in 1931 at Northwestern University medical school, Evanston, Illinois. The original purpose was stated "to aid Christian physicians, medical students, and others in the medical profession to gain the mutual strength, encouragement, and blessings to be obtained in meeting with one another" and "to present a positive witness of God, our Father, and our Saviour Jesus Christ to the medical profession."

Medical mission clinics had been established by Christian Medical societies in Chicago and Philadelphia before the Minneapolis chapter decided to provide the service.

GIFTS FROM SWEDEN

Evangelisches Hilfswerk, the relief agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany, has received and distributed gifts from Sweden valued at 30 million Swedish crowns (about $5,800,000) since 1945, according to an announcement in Hamburg. Included in the gifts which were sent by the Swedish Aid Committee for Germany were food, clothing, pre-built houses, and cash. Since the end of World War II, the report said, the Swedes have sent more than 30 million pounds of food to Germany in gift parcels, and presently a shipment of pre-built homes is expected in Hamburg for German refugees.

GIDEONS TO APPEAL

Leaders of the Gideons International voted in Chicago to appeal the recent New Jersey Supreme Court decision barring distribution of King James Bibles in the public schools. Raymond R. Lindsey, Gideon president, said his organization would join the Rutherford (N. J.) Board of Education in planning an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Headquarters for the Gideons issued this statement: "We firmly believe in the doctrine of separation of Church and State, as expressed in the First Amendment, and believe that the New Jersey Supreme Court incorrectly interprets and construes the Constitution when it bars school children from receiving the Bible with consent of parents."

The New Jersey court had worded a Rutherford Board of Education resolution that authorized the Gideons to give Bibles to pupils whose parents submitted written requests for them.

EVANGELISM CALL TO PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH

The youth conference of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) was concluded with a service of rededication and an address by the Rev. Charles Templeton, evangelist for the National Council of Churches. He the young people: "I am no mor evangelist than you are. The Ch needs to rediscover that we ar evangelists. If the church membe not willing to be a witness, he sh give up his claim to Christianity."

Mr. Templeton told the group it is the task of the young Christia evangelize the world in a genera "In a very real sense the Church n be evangelized within the genera for the Church is always within generation of extinction. Every generation must be won for Chri

Telling of another form of evan ism of the present years he said, " Communists have evangelized world in one generation—have b witness to their faith in every nat They're beating us at our speci Our specialty is consecration. Communist is consecrated to his fa It will only be when we match Communist's consecration that we completely stop its spread." Beca of this, he continued, "The history the world depends on this generat of Americans."

SITE OF FIRST GIRLS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

RNS Photo

This historic building, where Robert Raikes of Gloucester, England, founded his first Sunc school for girls in 1780, will be demolished soon to make way for a new building develc ment in Gloucester. Raikes is generally recognized as the founder of the Sunday sch movement because of the publicity he gave to it in his newspaper, the "Gloucester Jo nal." Before starting his school in this building he had opened another Sunday school whe attendance was not restricted to girls. When the new building plans are completed, it expected that a commemorative plaque will be placed on the site of this structure.

1PHLET STIRS ANESE LEADERS

violently anti-Christian pamphlet brought a request from Lebanese stian leaders for a government in- gation of its origin and distribu- which secret service officials at- ıte to an American who was doing ırch in oriental culture. He has left Beirut to join a German min- expedition to Yemen, but was wn to have publicly expressed a re to become a Moslem. The pam- t, entitled "Moslem Lebanon To- " was printed in English and wide- irculated among foreign diplomatic sions.

rime Minister Abdallah Yaffi has red Archbishops Ignatius Mubarek Antoun Abed that he would ask anese Moslem leaders to publicly ounce the pamphlet.

he pamphlet had charged that istians "have taken full control of machinery of state and are run- g the republic as if it were a Chris- ı country" with officials, from the sident down to minor functionaries, scriminating against the Moslem mmunity in matters of education, al development, urban rent laws, il service, and government con- cts."

OTEST ON COLOMBIA

ıe of the American bishops of the man Catholic Church has recently nt a letter to a resident of Colombia, pressing his concern over the perse- tion of Protestants in that country, cording to *United Evangelical Ac- n.* The Bishop wrote: "It is unfor- nate that the trouble in Colombia is ving effects far beyond the borders that country. Charges of persecution ere are driving Catholics and Protes- nts apart in our own nation and have anted in the minds of many Protes- nts the idea that the Catholic Church a whole is behind all persecution of otestants, even desiring it."

The same periodical, in its January th issue, calls attention to the index ge of the Colombian Protestant *Infor- ation Bulletin* of November 30, 1953, hich shows:

) Protestant Christianity outlawed in three fourths of Colombia.
2) Government acts to expel Protestant missionaries and pastors.
(3) Protestant religious services prohibited in mission territories.
(4) President Rojas repeats Catholic accusations against Protestants.
(5) Two more Protestant churches destroyed. Toll now forty-three since 1948.
(6) Protestant church member murdered. Death count now fifty-two martyrs since 1948.
(7) Bishop calls for force in a Holy War against the Protestants.
(8) Priest leads children in attack on Protestants.

CARDINAL SEGURA ATTACKS PRIEST

Father Venancio Marcos, Spain's best-known radio priest, has been denounced by Cardinal Segura, Archbishop of Seville. The Cardinal said he would forbid the Seville radio station to broadcast Father Marcos' "Chats on Religious Guidance" unless the talks were first submitted to ecclesiastical censorship. He accused the priest of speaking disrespectfully about ecclesiastical authorities, "passing frivolous judgments on their views and opposing them by implication."

The Cardinal's denunciation, which appeared in his archdiocese bulletin, came without warning. The radio talks, heard every Sunday, are followed with great interest in Spain and Latin America.

RELIEF GIVEN TO IONIAN ISLANDS

RNS Photo

This ruined church, with only a crucifix left standing, typifies the destruction remaining on Greece's Ionian Islands after the earthquake of last August. Today services of worship are still being held in tents or outdoors on three islands where not one church was left standing. Protestant church groups have been providing relief supplies such as food, clothing, blankets, construction materials, and money. Spearheading this aid have been the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Cathedral Films has announced the release, on January 18, of a feature-length motion picture based on the life of St. Paul, for showing in movie theatres over the country. It is entitled "Magnificent Adventure." . . . The Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, through its economics bureau, reports that the American people are spending twice as much per minute for liquor as they are for religious, charitable, and educational institutions. . . . The first Parliament of the Sudan includes 18 Christians, which is one seventh of the members. The Christian legislators are converts from pagan tribes of the South. Christian members belong to both pro-Egyptian and pro-British political groups. . . . An increasing shortage of pastors in Finland's Lutheran Church is paralleled by an increasing desire among women to study theology, according to the Church's information service. One third of the students at the two theological faculties are women, who are studying to become religion teachers in public schools. . . . Special gifts to Methodist colleges and universities reached a record high of more than $10,000,000 in 1953. The largest single contribution was $6,000,000 bequeathed to Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., by the late George W. Davison, Greenwich, Conn., who was president of the board of trustees for 41 years.

Schools and Colleges

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COLLEGE CHOIRS ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR TOURS

The thirty-third annual tour of the *Augustana College Choir* will include concerts in four Upper Midwest states, it has been announced by J. M. Harvey, choir manager. The itinerary for the 1954 tour is as follows:

CHOIR TOUR—1954

Jan. 31	Minneota, Minn.
	Granite Falls, Minn.
Feb. 1	Crookston, Minn.
Feb. 2	Fargo, N. Dak.
Feb. 3	St. Cloud, Minn.
Feb. 4	Duluth, Minn.
Feb. 5	Rice Lake, Wis.
Feb. 6	Wanamingo, Minn.
Feb. 7	La Crosse, Wis.
Feb. 7	Tomah, Wis.
Feb. 8	Racine, Wis.
Feb. 9	Madison, Wis.
Feb. 10	Huxley, Iowa
Feb. 11	Rembrandt, Iowa
Feb. 12	Forest City, Iowa
Feb. 13	Open
Feb. 14	Minneapolis, Minn.
Feb. 15	Westbrook, Minn.

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The *St. Olaf College Choir* under the direction of Olaf Christiansen gave a series of four concerts in western Minnesota in the early part of January. These concerts were given at Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, and Glenwood.

The annual choir tour, however, will begin with a concert January 29 at Eau Claire, Wisconsin; January 30 at Neenah, Wisconsin; and then south to Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 31. For the first time in twenty years the choir will then go into the Deep South, when concerts are given in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, West Virginia, and back through Illinois and Iowa.

Two musical organizations of *Concordia College* will leave the end of this month on their annual tours. On January 29 the *Concordia Concert Choir* embarks on a 22-day tour which will take them to the Gulf states. The 65-voice a cappella group, under the direction of Paul J. Christiansen, will sing approximately twenty concerts. The tour was arranged by manager Wayne Wagstrom.

Among concerts scheduled for the choir are the following: Jan. 29—Brookings, S. Dak.; Jan. 30—Yankton, S. Dak.; Jan. 31—Peru, Neb.; Feb. 2—Kansas City University, Kansas City, Mo.; Feb. 3—Bethel College, Newton, Kansas; Feb. 4—Oklahoma A. and M., Stillwater, Okla.; Feb. 5—Oklahoma City, Okla.; Feb. 6—Fort Worth, Texas; Feb. 7—Dallas, Texas; Feb. 8—Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas; Feb. 9—Houston, Texas; Feb. 10—Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.; Feb. 11—open day for the choir in New Orleans; Feb. 12—Jackson, Miss.; Feb. 14—Memphis, Tenn.; Feb. 18—Mason City, Iowa; Feb. 19—Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Feb. 21—home concert in Moorhead, Concordia Gym-Auditorium.

The 74-piece *Concordia College Band* leaves February 1 on a ten-day tour of Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota. Twenty-two concerts have been scheduled for the band, which is under the direction of Leif I. Christianson. Tour manager is Kurt J. Wycisk.

The following is the band itinerary: Feb. 1—Detroit Lakes, Park Rapids and Walker, Minn.; Feb. 2—Brainerd, Floodwood and Hibbing, Minn.; Feb. 3—Hermantown School (Duluth) and Two Harbors, Minn.; Feb. 4—Hayward and Barron, Wis.; Feb. 5—Taylors Falls and Moose Lake, Minn.; Feb. 6—Collegeville, (St. Johns University) and New Ulm, Minn.; Feb. 7—Willmar and Appleton, Minn.; Feb. 8—Tracy and Mountain Lake, Minn.; Feb. 9—Lake Benton, Minn. and Watertown, S. Dak.; Feb. 10—M and Breckenridge, Minn.

FOREST CITY FIRM MAKES ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

An annual scholarship to a stu at Waldorf College will be give the Summit Publishing Compan Forest City, according to a recen nouncement by President Sidne Rand. The award in the amou $50 will be applied on the stud tuition at the college. Mr. Benj F. Carter, Jr., publisher of the *F City Summit* and donor of the a has expressed a wish that this g be given to a student interested journalism. Included in the Sun award will be the offer of a part- job in the Summit offices during time the student is in college.

In announcing this award Presi Rand stated, "The practice of gi tuition assistance to deserving stud at the college, such as is now b offered by the *Forest City Summi* one which can be of great benefit to the students and to the college. at the college hope that others will low the same practice so that deser students may receive the assista they need in order to continue t education."

CAPPING CEREMONIES AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Twelve nursing students from P taking their clinical training at Em uel Hospital in Portland, received t caps in a ceremony recently. Roy Olson, director of Public Relatio gave the address at the candleli capping rite, and Miss Eline Kraa R.N., PLC director of nursing edu tion, brought greetings and presen the class to Miss Esther Jacobson, R. director of nursing at Emanuel.

The girls capped include: Ado Bondahl, Spokane; Norma Borgfo Seattle; Laurella Frazier, Pierce, Ida Velma Harmon, Bainville, Monta Kathryn Jerstad, Gig Harbor; Mari Krug, Connell; Oretha Marion, C nell; Eleanor Martin, Tacoma; Caro Pritchard, Richland; Mary Simons Baker, Oregon; Sandra Standal, S tle; and Sigfrid Tollefson, Fairfi Montana.

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A FEW THOUGHTS ON BAPTISM

e Baptists, who oppose infant baptism: at what age, y what means do they expect their children to become en of God? If their unbaptized children die, do egard them as saved? Do they teach and believe that sm is not necessary for salvation? Do they teach and e that children are born sinless? How do they inter- nd understand John 3:6? I have read or heard that aptists are now beginning to baptize infants, but call ledication, and not Baptism. And how else do other med churches regard infant Baptism?

(The Rev.) David Svennungsen
Big Sandy, Mont.

TRUE FRUITS OF A REVIVAL

the issue of your paper of December 29 there appeared rticle under correspondence, written by K. L. Elling- of Newell, S. Dak. This article cited a revival move- in the congregation of the writer, and gave some ons why it was outstanding in its effect.

am not, by any means, wishing to pour cold water revival. Nor is it my wish to question the power of to cause great things to happen. However, being a e student and teacher, I wonder if the type of fruit h is listed in this article is really what we would have e from our evangelistic efforts.

hese great words from II Chron. 7:14 were quoted: my people which are called by my name shall humble nselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from r wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven. . . ." rest of the verse reads: "and will forgive their sins, heal their land." This is a beautiful promise to a nation, to apply it to an individual or a few individuals seems ne to be taking it out of its original setting. When we this to any portion of scripture, the end is likely to lisillusion.

would like to look further in this same chapter and te verses 17-18 which read: "And as for thee, if thou t walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do ording to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt erve my statutes and my judgments; then will I estab- the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have cove- nted with David thy father, saying, There shall not thee a man to be ruler in Israel." I would also have sincere student read on to the end of the chapter to serve the effects of falling from this estate of obedience. is is all conditioned to the observance of law and the servance of outward rules, but Jesus in His beatitudes de these things the conditions of the character of a izen of the Kingdom of God: (1) poor in spirit, (2) urning over failure, (3) meekness before God, (4) a nger and thirst for true righteousness, (5) mercy, (6) rity of heart, (7) the quality of peaceable life which ows forth the kingdom to the world. When measured these standards of our Savior, it becomes self-evident t true revival takes: not outward actions or resolutions a completely rebuilt character. This task is to be done step by step, in the order named, not by the person who is to be saved but by the Lord in answer to prayer. This type of true revival is not done at the snap of a finger but takes time and patience as it is built, block by block, by the Master Builder.

Some of the fruits listed were: (1) sleeplessness because of the burden of prayer for the lost, (2) resignations were sent in to lodges with a testimony for Christ, (3) face paint and other signs of worldliness disappeared from our midst, (4) asking forgiveness of me (a man) for hate and backbiting and immediately giving a clearcut testimony for forgiveness and peace with God through Jesus Christ, (5) a young girl who was going to write and turn down a gift of a formal for Christmas.

Jesus said: "Peace I give unto you." "My yoke is easy and my burden light." "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Why then the terrific burden? Prayer and service should be a pleasure. As to the resignations, the face paint, and the formal; there is the word of Jesus to the Pharisees which reads: "Ye Pharisees, hypocrites, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." I have an awful time, when I try in my own strength, to keep up with the Ten Commandments without adding these other things upon which I find no direct mandate from God. Let us not look for superficial corrections of minor behavior traits, but for the fruit of the Good Tree which are mercy, peace, and a life ruled by the Spirit of God and dedicated to the service of our Creator and our fellowman. After all, the only effective testimony is a life lived for Christ alone, which like a candle placed on a candlestick illuminates the darkened world and like salt stops the corruption of sin in the earth.

Big crowds and generous offerings are nice, but God looks on the heart. I believe that a revival is better judged a year or five years after than by its immediate effects, for these often prove to be a flash in the pan and more often than not will burn themselves out and leave us with the same result of which Jesus spoke when He said: "The last estate of this man was worse than the first." Let us not strive to be accomplished saints in one quick operation but work out our salvation with fear and trembling under the plan laid out by our Savior. Above all, let Him build as suits His infinite will, being careful not to run before Him to create a condition like the house built on the sand of self which can withstand none of the onslaughts of the Devil.

We must look for the fruits of the Spirit as listed by Paul, for in the observances of laws and ordinances there is no salvation.

Everett L. Johnson
Portland, Ore.

SOME SOLDIERS NEVER FADE

►General MacArthur's immortalized quotation, "Old soldiers never die; they merely fade away," may be apropos to military generals but not to a pastoral general I know.

To grow old gracefully through the ministry of the Spirit ought to be the persistent prayer of every Christian. When humility, cheerfulness, and a growing mental edge characterize a "retired" child of God, you can be sure Christ *has* had His way, and *is* having His way in the sunset days of life. An elderly Christian puts the seal of authenticity on faith once professed by Christ-like attitudes, disposition, and adaptability. This is the seal that Dr. David

Stoeve has put on his years of service. Formerly the president of the North Dakota District, he is now a member of Our Savior's Lutheran, Los Angeles, California.

A further distinction of this pastoral general is genuine humility to step down, but not out. He responds to every summons of his congregation. With becoming reluctance, in order to make room for younger laymen, he never refuses a call of the congregation. He serves as chairman of the Board of Deacons, assistant mid-week Bible teacher, chairman of the Mission Committee, assists in administration of the Lord's Supper, and preaching.

His loyalty is inexpressible. The code of high pastoral ethics he enunciated for years is followed to the letter. The only calls he makes, even though requested by many newformed acquaintances in the congregation, are those specifically delegated by the pastor.

Everything is done to strengthen the position and office of the pastor. The overflow of his rich life in the Word is a great blessing to us.

I wish every congregation and pastor could have such a loyal colleague in a mature ex-district president or elder pastor. Thank God there are some soldiers who never fade into inactivity, oblivion, unethical practices, or resentfulness, but zealously hold fast the colors of the Gospel in eager "grace-full-ness."

(The Rev.) Myrus L. Knutson
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Editorials

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conferences there will be almost as many congrega as there are allotted delegates; or to the fact tha districts will exercise their prerogative of electing tain individuals, for good and adequate reasons, though they may have been delegates to recent ventions.

Secondly, under the proposal for district conven (which we shall discuss next week), the distri able to discuss all major matters which are to before the general convention. Out of such discus at the district level will come recommendations memorials from the district conventions to the ge convention. And, since the delegates from a given trict to the general convention will presumably been at the district convention, they will come to general convention with an understanding of the ters there to be decided and with a good knowledg how their own district feels about them.

It is our frank opinion that the ELC, with its pecu convention traditions, has fared very well on the p of the general convention of the new Church. To sure, we will not like to say goodby to our accusto "going up to Jerusalem" en masse biennially; but is, after all, not the major consideration. If a arrangement is imperative—and that must be admi —we feel that the proposed plan is good.

Within the ELC

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Church of Minneapolis-St. Paul are now going on.

Northern Minnesota

Osakis, Minn. Salem Church, parish of the Rev. Theo. Lerud, celebrated its 75th anniversary Oct. 11, 1953. Speakers were: the Rev. G. W. Tolo, vice president of the Northern Minnesota District, and two former pastors of the parish: J. S. Strand and A. M. Rusten. On Nov. 22 the Ladies Aid of Sauk Valley Church of the same parish celebrated its 75th anniversary, Mrs. J. L. Rendahl, president of the Northern Minnesota District WMF, being the guest speaker. This organization antedates the congregation by five years.

North Dakota

Hatton, N. Dak. St. John Church, parish of the Rev. Leonard T. Thompson, is making preparations for the observance this year of the 75th anniversary of its founding. The dates set for the celebration are Nov. 12-14.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. J. O. Wangberg

Mrs. Hilda Norby Wangberg, wife of the Rev. J. O. Wangberg, died in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 24, 1953, in her 82nd year. Funeral services were held Dec. 28 in Council Bluffs, later at Soldier, Iowa, the Rev. V. N. Carlsen and Dr. V. T. Jordahl officiating respectively at the two services. The Rev. G. O. Wangberg, a son of the deceased, spoke on behalf of the family. Mrs. Wangberg was born at Urskog, Norway, Sept. 28, 1872. When seven years old she came with her parents to Soldier, Iowa. In 1907 she married the Rev. J. O. Wangberg. In August, 1953, when Pastor Wangberg terminated his last pastorate, at Ottosen, Iowa, they moved to Council Bluffs. In the spring of 1953 Mrs. Wangberg suffered a stroke, from which she later recovered sufficiently to attend church in her wheel-chair. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and two sons, G. O. and R. A. Wangberg, both of whom are pastors.

Sherman Martin

Sherman Martin, an active mem of Yellowstone Church, Argyle, W passed away at Monroe, Wis., Dec. 1953, in his 26th year. Funeral serv took place at the Yellowstone Chu Dec. 23, the Rev. M. A. Sorenson ciating. The deceased is survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mar and two brothers.

Mrs. Peter Lee

Mrs. Anna Tysdal Lee, the old member of St. Anthony Park Chur St. Paul, Minn., died Jan. 7, in 99th year. Funeral services were h at St. Anthony Park Church Jan. the Rev. Alvin Lewis officiating. A Tysdal was born June 18, 1855, Aardal, Rogaland, Norway, but brought by her parents to USA w she was only one year old. In 1 she married Peter Lee, who died a years ago, also far into his ninet They lived at first in Illinois, late Artesian, S. Dak., then at Jewell, Io and in 1909 they moved to St. P She is survived by a daughter, M

DEDICATION OF PARSONAGE AT LINN GROVE

ewly acquired parsonage of Trinity Church, Linn Grove, Iowa, was dedicated Nov. 29 e Rev. Olaf Holen, vice president of the South Central District. Later in the day n house" was observed at the parsonage. Trinity Church, which until lately had parish ections with Sioux Rapids, is now an independent parish. Its pastor is the Rev. y L. Brevik.

e Lee, by a son, the Rev. Anthon two grandchildren, and two great- ldchildren, also by two sisters, both vhom were present at her funeral igh in their nineties.

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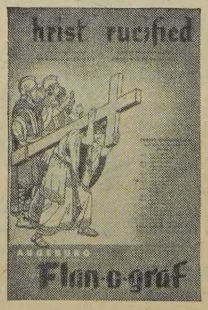

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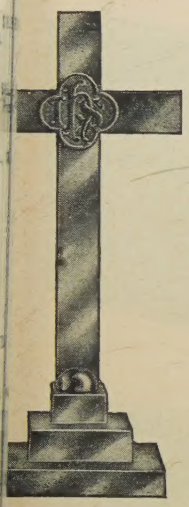

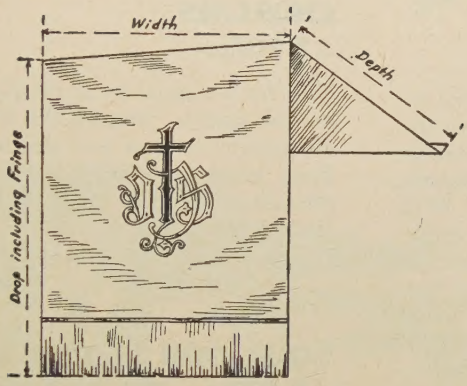

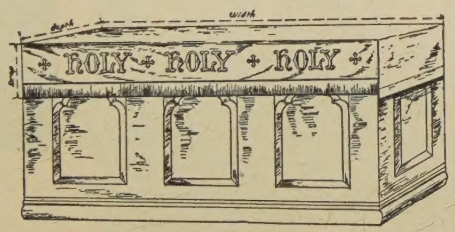

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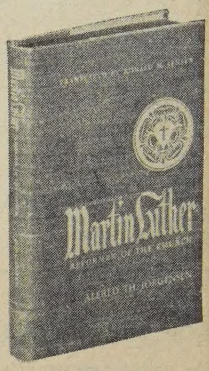

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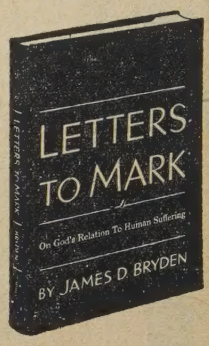

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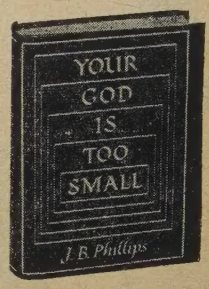

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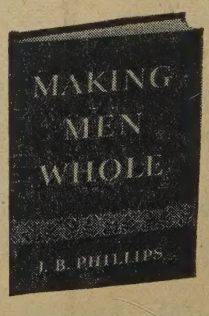

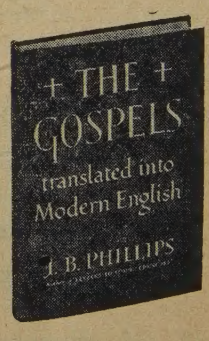

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